

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 53 through 61 are pending, with Claims 53, 55, and 59 being independent.

Claims 53 through 55 and 59 have been amended.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended in granting and conducting on April 20, 2007, a telephonic interview with Applicant's representative. At the interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 103, which are respectfully traversed, as well as proposed amendments to the claims. Also, during the interview, the Examiner kindly confirmed that the substitute specification has been entered.

Applicant understands that the Examiner is in tentative agreement that the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection will be withdrawn in view of the recitation of --hardware--, and that the proposed amendments would obviate the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection, and the claims have been so amended.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

If any questions remain, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned representative at (202) 530-1010 to schedule another interview.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached at (202) 530-1010.

Respectfully submitted,

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